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Need for Kennedy's CIA Investigation

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The failure of the Central Intelligence Agency to supply the President with the necessary information in the Cuban crisis has resulted in a Presidential order for its investigation.

Though at first glance it might seem that the order is something in the nature of one for locking the barn door after the horse is stolen, it most definitely is not. For if any agency of the government could have been expected to be efficient and dedicated to the finding out of facts necessary to the conduct of foreign policy by whatever Administration might be in power, it was the Central Intelligence Agency.

There have been many complaints in the past regarding the way in which the Agency has been conducted, and some of them, it is now obvious, were undoubtedly justified. What makes it obvious is the way in which the United States has goofed in Cuba.

The slang term "goofed" unfortunately is the only word adequate to describe it. The fiasco is of such monumental proportions and it took place so close to home that it has made the United States a laughing stock throughout the world, quite aside from what else it has done in terms of lives lost, money squandered and so on.

How it could have occurred can only be due to the fact that the Presidency was supplied with both erroneous and inadequate information. The fault lies with the head of the Central Intelligence Agency, Allen Dulles, the brother of the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles who was about as busily inept a man as ever occupied such a high post.

For Allen Dulles to have handled his agency in such a manner as to produce the results that have come to light in the past several days is more than enough to make one feel that the main trouble with the John Birch Society is that it didn't go far enough in its recent accusations about the country's former leadership, under which the Central Intelligence Agency was presumably working hard to gather information regarding the Castro regime.

For as matters have turned out, if the Agency had been headed by one of the Kremlin's most trusted men it could not possibly have done a better job of interests of Soviet Russia rather than the States of America.

But the conduct of the agency has been so blatantly directed by the Kremlin.